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Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2016 7:28 AM
To: Wertz, James; Lidgard, Michael; Kenknight, Jeff
Cc: Grandinetti, Robert
Subject: FW: Syringa Mobile Home Park Wastewater Lagoon Overflow

FYI

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Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2016 8:21 AM
To: Shaffers Engineering
Cc: Tim Dack ; John Cardwell ; Lopez, Maria
Subject: Re: Syringa Mobile Home Park Wastewater Lagoon Overflow

Hi Jerry,

I just spoke with Maria Lopez. She did not receive either of our emails from a couple days ago. I think the address might be incorrect, so I have forwarded them to her.

It doesn't look like a temporary discharge permit is something that the EPA can grant us. However Maria did suggest to follow up on our current request for a discharge permit. I do know that the EPA has requested certain information and other items be completed before possibly granting a permit. One of these things being the seepage test. As you know we will have the funds this spring to complete the test, once the weather has cleared.

I will reach out to the EPA's permit department and ensure we are aware of all requests so that we can hope to get a permit sometime this year.

Maria also recommend we work closely with DEQ and the ICL during this. I know that DEQ has been kept up to date on our course of action but wasn't sure if you (or anyone) had contacted the ICL. If not, I can try to reach out to them and inform them of the situation and what we are doing to resolve it.

Kind regards,

Neil

----- Original message -----

From: Shaffers Engineering <shaffersengineering@gmail.com>
Date: 2/24/2016 9:28 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: Neil Carle <neilcarle@gmail.com>
Cc: Tim Dack <timdack@dackoffice.com>, John Cardwell <john.cardwell@deq.idaho.gov>, Maria Lopez <lopz.maria@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Syringa Mobile Home Park Wastewater Lagoon Overflow

On 2/23/2016 9:50 AM, Neil Carle wrote:

Hi all,

Just wanted to clear a few things up. I have not instructed anyone at the Syringa Mobile Home Park to pump any water out of the lagoon or chlorine contact chamber, as I have been trying to contact someone from the EPA regarding this first.

James Werntz returned my phone call this morning and we discussed the current issue. He confirmed my worry of actively pumping water from the lagoon into the South fork.

He said that under rare circumstances a temporary discharge permit can be given, but is very unlikely. I explained to him the current situation of the park and that we have more or less had our hands tied behind our back due to many different issues.

He was not able to give me any other course of action but said Maria Lopez will be in contact with me. I will await to hear back from her and actively monitor the situation.

Regards,

Neil

----- Original message -----

From: Shaffers Engineering

Date: 2/22/2016 2:41 PM (GMT-08:00)

To: Maria Lopez , John Cardwell

Cc: "Timothy J. Dack" , Neil Carle , Shannon Musick

Subject: Syringa Mobile Home Park Wastewater Lagoon Overflow

Dear Maria and Jon,

Syringa Mobile Home Park contacted me this afternoon and informed me that their wastewater lagoons were overflowing their outside banks. Most likely the wastewater is ending up in the South Fork of the Palouse River. They have asked me to contact your agencies.

I have not been onsite to observe this overflow. Neil Carle, Syringa Mobile Home Park representative, stated that they will put a trash pump at the east end of the lagoon cells and pump water from the main lagoon cells to the chlorine contact chamber, where it will flow out and into the river or into a wetlands to the east of the wastewater lagoon. We are using the pump to try to lower the water level in the lagoon to prevent the dikes from failing and causing a catastrophic failure of the system.

I have asked Neil to keep track of the time the pump is operated so we can get an idea of how much water was discharged to the river. I have also asked him to sample both the lagoon and the river for BOD5, TSS, temperature, phosphorus, ammonia, & e-coli and we will have these results available for you in the future.

Once we know some more information (lab data, photos, etc.) we will produce a report describing the conditions that have led up this overflow event, subsequent actions that have been and will be taken, and what Syringa will do to prevent this from happening again.

I have left messages for both of you and if you would like to discuss this further, please call me at 509-334-2270, or 509-432-7070.

Thank you very much.

Jerry

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Dear Neil,

I believe that in order to prevent any confusion there should be only one contact with the regulatory agencies and you seem to have a good handle in that area so I will let you take the lead. If you need any supporting assistance, I am at your service. I have copied the appropriate agencies on this e-mail so they should recognize you as the lead person. Again, if I can be of any assistance, let me know.

Jerry

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